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USCIRF Chair Leonard A. Leo, who was in Sudan during last week's crackdown on opposition, described conditions on the ground as "dismal and bleak." The Sudanese government "had hijacked the peace process," he said.

In a press release from the commission, Leo noted that many in Sudan believe that the U.S. Special Envoy's has a special relationship with Khartoum--one that has emboldened the NCP. He said:

"What we heard and saw in Sudan confirms this, with the ruling party now ignoring the constitution and laws and using security forces to arrest and beat senior government officials with impunity in the capital city."